GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Traditional Weavers
Siddeshwara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and salient features of various schemes/programmes being implemented by the Union Government to promote traditional weaving crafts in the country;

(b) the financial, technical, marketing and other assistance and support provided to the traditional weavers of the country under these schemes during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the quality of life of these artisans?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFEERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*119 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.02.2017

(a) & (c): Government of India through Ministry of Textiles is implementing following Schemes/Programmes to promote over all development of the traditional weaving crafts and quality of life of the artisans/weavers in the country:

1. National Handloom Development Programme:-

Under this Schemes financial assistance is provided to Handloom weavers for implementation various Interventions with the objective to focus on formation of handloom weavers' groups as a viable production groups in a selected handloom clusters, skill up-gradation, technological up-gradation to provide a platform for marketing of handloom products, both in domestic and international markets, to ensure availability of concessional credit to handloom weavers at concessional interest rates etc.

2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme:-

Under this Scheme, insurance coverage is provided to Handloom Weavers under two components (i) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) and (ii) Health Insurance Scheme (HIS).

3. Yarn Supply Scheme:-

Under this Scheme yarn/raw material supply is made available to eligible Handloom weavers on mill gate price/subsidized rates through National Handloom Development Corporation across the country.

4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme:-

Under this Scheme financial assistance for conducting Diagnostic Study, engaging Designer, product Development, Corpus for raw material, Construction of Worksheds (for BPL/SC/ST/Women weavers), Skill up-gradation etc. are fully funded by Government of India, while the components like Technology up-gradation, Design Studio, including the Computer Aided Design System, Marketing Complex, Value Addition (setting up of garment unit), Dye House, Common infrastructure, Publicity etc., are funded by the Government of India to the extent of 80%.

Under this scheme each cluster covers at least 15,000 Handlooms and is developed with Government of India Share of Rupees 40 crore in a period of 5 years.

(b): Details of fund release under various schemes during last two years and current year are as under:-

(Rs in Crore)
Sl. No. Name of Scheme Fund Release
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
(till date)

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) 68.95 118.73 109.08
2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme 42.25 18.61 25.44
3. Yarn Supply Scheme 127.81 321.96 258.82
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme 18.39 37.28 34.46

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